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E.O.#911652: GDS

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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF SIKORSKY REPRESENTATIVE

REF: STATE 022701

1. WE GATHER FROM REFTEL THAT SALE OF HELICOPTERS TO SUDAN MIGHT REQUIRE MUNITIONS CONTROL LICENSING. DEPT. WILL RECALL THAT NORTHROP WAS DISCOURAGED FROM DISCUSSING F-5E SALES WITH SUDANESE FOLLOWING RELEASE OF KHARTOUM TERRORISTS, DESPITE EARLIER DECISION APPROVING PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS (STATE 125084 OF JUNE 12, 1974). MORE RECENTLY, DEPT. DISSUADED FMC FROM UNDERTAKING DISCUSSIONS HERE ON MILITARY SALES IN RESPONSE TO EMBASSY RECOMMENDATION (SEE KHARTOUM 2653 OF NOV. 27 AND STATE 263278 OF NOV. 29).

2. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED KNOWING WHETHER SEEMINGLY MORE BENIGN ADVICE GIVEN SIKORSKY REP. ENGELHARDT (REFTEL) SIGNALS MODIFICATION IN US POLICY TOWARDS MILITARY SALES TO SUDAN (STATE 169610 OF AUG 3). EMBASSY WOULD NOT QUARREL WITH ANY SUCH POSITIVE POLICY EVOLUTION. BUT, IF IT HAS NOT OCCURRED, WE WOULD BE INCLINED QUESTION WISDOM OF FURTHER SIKORSKY DISCUSSIONS HERE
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(ENGELHARDT CAME THROUGH OCT-NOV 1974) UNLESS

HELICOPTERS IN QUESTION ARE INTENDED PURELY FOR NON-MILITARY USE AND WOULD NOT REQUIRE MUNITIONS CONTROL LICENSING. THERE WOULD SEEM NO POINT IN PERMITTING DISCUSSIONS TO PROGRESS ONLY TO HAVE USG BEAR BRUNT OF QUEERING DEAL BY DENIAL OF LICENSE.

3. APPRECIATE CLARIFYING GUIDANCE.
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